

Lecture 5.1 - Supervised Learning
Bayesian Linear Regression - The Equivalent
Kernel

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(Bishop 3.3.3)



## Equivalent Kernel Formulation

predictive distribution

$$p(t'|x', \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) = \int p(t'|x', \mathbf{w}, \beta) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) d\mathbf{w}$$

$$= \mathcal{N}(t'|\mathbf{m}_N^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(x'), \sigma_N^2(x'))$$

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predictive mean:

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_1) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_N) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y(x', \mathbf{m}_{N}) = \phi(x')^{T} \mathbf{m}_{N}$$

$$= \beta \phi(x')^{T} S_{N} \phi^{T} t = \beta \phi(x')^{T} S_{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \beta_{n} b_{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \beta \phi(x')^{T} S_{N} \phi(x_{n}) b_{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \beta(x', x_{n}) b_{n}$$

Equivalent kernel

$$k(x',x) = \beta \phi(x')^{\mathsf{T}} S_{\mathsf{n}} \phi(x_{\mathsf{n}})$$

## Equivalent kernel for Gaussian Basis Functions

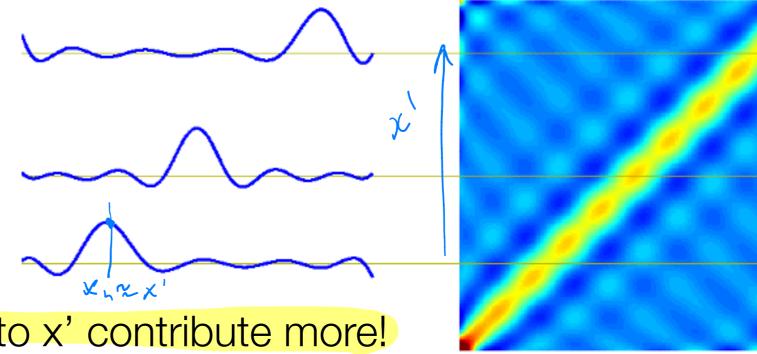
Figure: Equivalent kernel k(x', x) (Bishop 3.10)

Localized kernel

$$k(x', x) = \beta \phi(x')^T \mathbf{S}_N \phi(x)$$

predictive mean

$$y(x', \mathbf{m}_N) = \sum_{n=1}^N k(x', x_n) t_n$$



- Training points x<sub>n</sub> close to x' contribute more!
- Covariance of between predictions:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{cov}[t_{1}, t_{2} | \mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}] = \mathbf{cov}_{\mathbf{w}}[y(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{w}), y(\mathbf{x}_{2}, \mathbf{w})] \\ &= \mathbf{cov}_{\mathbf{w}}[\phi(\mathbf{x}_{1})^{T}\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}^{T}\phi(\mathbf{x}_{2})] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}}[\phi(\mathbf{x}_{1})^{T}\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}^{T}\phi(\mathbf{x}_{2})] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}}[\phi(\mathbf{x}_{1})^{T}\mathbf{w},$$